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SUBJECT: MEETING OF SOCIALIST LEADERS ON PORTUGAL AND ISRAEL

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1. PENDING OPPORTUNITY MEET WITH SOCIALIST LEADER BETTINO CRAXI WHO REPRESENTED ITALIAN SOCIALIST PARTY (PSI) AT STOCKHOLM MEETING, FOLLOWING POINTS FROM INTERVIEW HE GAVE TO PARTY ORGAN AVANTI REPRESENTS MOST AUTHORITATIVE ITALIAN VIEW PRESENTLY AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY OF WHAT TRANSPRIRED.

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2. THE ONLY DECISIONS TAKEN, SAID CRAXI IN RESPONSE TO

DIRECT QUESTION, WERE TO SET UP A COMMITTEE OF FRIENDSHIP FOR DEMOCRACY IN PORTUGAL, AND TO INTENSIFY THE CAMPAIGN OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE PORTUGUESE SOCIALISTS.

3. RE SOVIET ATTITUDE, CRAXI SAID THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT, WHILE IT IS APPARENT THAT SOVIET INTERFERENCE EXISTS, IT IS HELD WITHIN CERTAIN LIMITS AND SUB-ORDINATED TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF EAST-WEST DETENTE. SOVIET POLICY CHARACTERIZED AS "NOT DISPOSED TO PUT THE PROCESS OF (EAST-WEST) DETENTE INTO CRISIS BY ASSUMING DECISIVE RESPONSIBILITY IN AN EVOLUTION OF THE PORTUGUESE SITUATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECLARED DESIGNS OF CUNHAL."

4. RE ISRAEL, CRAXI SAID RABIN, WHO ATTENDED MEETING, ASKED FOR AND OBTAINED FROM ALL A PLEDGE OF SOLIDARITY AGAINST PROPOSED ARAB INITIATIVE TO EXPEL ISRAEL FROM UN. ALL SOCIALIST LEADERS PRESENT CONSIDERED ARAB INITIATIVE "UNACCEPTABLE AND DANGEROUS". ALL AGREED TO TAKE APPROPRIATE INITIATIVES TO DISSUADE ARABS FROM IT. VOLPE

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